

TITLE**METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A THERMALLY IMAGEABLE ELEMENT**ABSTRACT

- 5           Methods of manufacturing multi-layer thermally imageable elements useful as lithographic printing plate precursors are disclosed. The elements comprise a substrate, an underlayer, and an imageable layer. The imageable layer comprises a first polymeric material and o-diazonaphthoquinone containing material. After the underlayer has been coated over the substrate and the
- 10 imageable layer has been coated over the underlayer, the element is heated to between about 130°C and about 200°C for a time sufficient to decrease the sensitivity of the imageable element to the white light.

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